January 2020

Dear Research Grant Applicant,

The Lyme Disease Association Inc (LDA) appreciates your interest and willingness to conduct research that could potentially lead to a cure for chronic Lyme disease or prevention of Lyme disease or research on other tick-borne diseases (TBD). The LDA awards research grant funds in varying amounts from smaller grants, proof of concept grants, to larger grants. In this packet, you will find a research grant application for you to complete to be considered for funding by the LDA.

On the LDA website under grants, you can find a list of research grants LDA has awarded from 1992-2019 [LDA Grants Awarded] and also a list of resultant research publications - 53 peer-reviewed publications - to date [Peer-Review LDA Supported]. The lists of awarded grants and the publication list can provide you with examples of the types of research LDA has funded to date. Data from LDA “seed” money grants has led to additional monies for researchers on expanded projects from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Funding amounts are dependent upon our annual budget for research grants. Funding is usually for one year projects. Indirect costs are limited. Generally, LDA does not fund salaries for the principal investigators. Preliminary data is not necessarily required to be awarded a grant but is taken into consideration.

If you are unsure your application will fit into LDA’s grant program, and in the interest of time for you, you may submit a several paragraph exploratory overview that includes a budget range, length of project, PI(s), and aims of project with additional information. LDA will not be able to provide a definitive answer to whether it will fund with that submission, but it might be able to indicate, e.g., that it does not generally fund that type of project, that budget range, etc. The decision to move forward to provide a complete application to LDA would be yours to make if the exploratory overview answer from LDA does not seem positive to you.

After completing your grant application:
- Please email Lymeliter@aol.com a completed, signed, and dated copy of the form including this letter, application, and all attachments.
- Additionally, fax (732-938-7215) or mail a completed, signed, initialed, and dated form, all 3 parts including this letter (with all attachments) to LDA PO Box 1438 Jackson, NJ 08527 by October 31, 2020 for possible consideration in the 2020 calendar year. Occasionally, applications may be considered throughout the year.

Any changes to your grant proposal, if it has already been approved, need to be submitted in writing to LDA and are subject to the approval of the LDA Board of Directors. Direct Questions/Comments to: President@LymeDiseaseAssociation.org

The LDA is an all-volunteer run non-profit, tax exempt corporation that has raised millions of dollars for Lyme research, prevention, education, and patient support and has devoted an average of 97% of its monies directly to programs. See About the LDA on the website for more information. Thank you for your work in TBD.

Sincerely,

Patricia V. Smith, President

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LDA RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

PART II

Applicant:

1. Name/Title___________________________________________________________________________
   Address______________________________________________________________________________
   Telephone Number with area code (Day) ___________________ (Evening) ___________________________
   Fax Number ______________________ E-Mail address___________________________________________

2. Title of Research Project________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. Name, Title, Position of Principal Investigator if different than applicant____________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

4. Name, address, EIN# of institution where research will be conducted______________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

5. Is applicant an individual with no affiliation, Yes___ N/A____ If Yes, attach personal W-9 (www.IRS.gov)

6. Goals & objectives pertaining to chronic Lyme or other TBD (can attach separate)
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

7. Timetable for the entire project__________________________ Timetable for LDA funded portion__________
   Initial here_____
8. Annual cost of the project $______________ Amount of funding requested $_______________________

9. Other sources of funding and ways in which any financial shortfall will be funded_____________________
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10. Discuss the following items on separate attachments:
    A. Ways in which the project is consistent with the LDA’s goals and objectives
    B. Features that distinguish the project from similar projects
    C. Method by which the project’s effectiveness will be monitored and evaluated
    D. If this research is part of an existing project, please explain

PART III

1. Please attach the following:
   A. Description of qualifications of research project personnel (Curriculum vitae & PI pub. list)
   B. Detailed description of project, including the experimental design
   C. Detailed budget
   D. One paragraph summary of the project for possible public release by LDA after award announced

2. If your project is selected to receive a grant the researcher must agree to provide the following:
   A. Brief project update at the end of the first 6 months and summary at end of year.
   B. Year-end summary must include how funds were expended, amount leftover if applicable, and be supplied on official letterhead of whichever applies: research institution/practice/individual.
      • If all monies are not expended at year’s end or end of proposed project, the applicant may request an extension for the project. Said decision will be solely made by the LDA. Unexpended funds may need to be returned at the discretion of the LDA.
   C. Permission for LDA to distribute copies of any published articles resulting from the funded project.
   D. Acknowledgment of LDA support must accompany any article/poster presentation/conference or other presentation or website article resulting from/about the funded project.

The Board of Directors of the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. reserves the right to discontinue funding of the research project and/or request return of ALL funds if the project does not meet the specifications submitted or if the information requested above is not supplied on time as agreed to in the grant application, or if the applicant knowingly supplies false information. Any unused funds must be returned to LDA within 60 days after the funding period has expired unless LDA agrees in writing to an extension of the project timetable.

The applicant must sign to apply and to receive the grant if awarded. By signing, the applicant signifies s/he has the authority to sign such an agreement on behalf of the institution, if applicable, and the applicant agrees to all terms of this application as well as those specified in the January 2020 cover letter.

If awarded the grant, check is made payable to & mailed to at:_______________________________________
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Initial here
Printed (typed) name of Grant Applicant
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Signature of Grant Applicant
Date_________________________________________________________

LDA President (printed)
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LDA President (signature)
Date_________________________________________________________